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FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS,

CANADA, 1945-1956

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PREFACE

This publication continues the chronological outline of federal assistance to agriculture presented in the "main" bulletin, Federal Agricultural Assistance Programs, Canada, 1945-1956, and in the 1956-57 Supplement. It also includes a summary of relevant new legislation, regulations and programs which became effective during the fiscal year April 1, 1957 to March 31, 1958. The grouping of material is the same as in the previous bulletins and the paging follows consecutively that of the 1956-57 Supplement.

As in the two earlier publications, neither programs under which farmers obtain loans, nor agricultural subsidies paid by departments other than the Department of Agriculture, are considered. An exception is the inclusion of an outline of the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act. Otherwise, there is limited reference to grain programs, most of which are administered by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

The scale of payment under, and duration of each program in force within the 1957-58 fiscal year, appear in Table 1. Departmental expenditures on these items in the period are listed in Table 2. The consolidated index includes references to summaries in each of the three bulletins.

Although the Agricultural Stabilization Act became effective March 3, 1958, support for individual commodities was not announced until after April 1. For this reason description of the programs is beyond the scope of this supplement. However, as the information from April 1 to December 15, 1958 may be useful for reference purposes, it has been included, in tabular form, as an appendix to this paper.



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Canada 1945-1956

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PART I - SPECIAL LEGISLATION

1. AGRICULTURAL PRICES SUPPORT ACT, 1944

Hogs and pork products

(See main bulletin, pp.2-3 and 1956-57 supplement, p.112)

The \$23.00-per-100-pound support level for hogs, warm dressed weight, Toronto and Montreal, was still in effect at March 31, 1958. As market prices during the 1957-58 fiscal year continued above the support level, no hogs were offered to the Board.

Creamery butter

(See main bulletin, pp.3-5 and 1956-57 supplement, p.112)

The 62.8 million pounds of 1955-make butter purchased by the Board resulted in a federal government loss when sales had been completed late in 1957.

Disposal of the 64.4-million-pound Board purchases of 1956-make butter had not been completed by March 31, 1958.

On July 25, 1957 the Board announced that after August 31 sales of butter to some 2,000 non-profit residential institutions at the 21-cent-per-pound reduction in price (in effect from January 28, 1955), would be discontinued, as butter stocks held by the government were substantially smaller than they had been for some years.

P.C. 1957-1474,

November 13, 1957.

During the latter half of 1957 imports of butter oil and butterfat in concentrated forms tended to interfere with the market for Canadian dairy products and undermine the existing price support for Canada First Grade creamery butter. Therefore, price support was broadened, from November 1, 1957 to March 31, 1958, to include butterfat in any form which the Board might specify, at prices equivalent to those for Canada First Grade creamery butter -- 58 cents per pound basis delivery eastern Canadian centers and 57 cents Vancouver. Board purchases of 1957 butter output totaled 16.65 million pounds. This quantity had not all been disposed of by March 31, 1958. There were no deliveries of 1958 butter to the Board during the first quarter of the year.

P.C. 1957-1475,
November 13, 1957.

To implement the price support program, import controls became effective on November 13, 1957 for butter oil and any form of butterfat containing 55 per cent or more of butterfat. Creamery butter only had been under import control from August 8, 1951 (P.C. 4087).

Dry skimmed milk

(See main bulletin, p.6 and 1956-57 supplement, p.112)

Board purchases of 1957 manufacture amounted to about ten million pounds of roller and 27.6 million pounds of spray process dry skimmed milk. This program was still in effect at March 31, 1958. There was a federal loss on 9.9 million pounds of dry skimmed milk sold by March 31, 1958. Deliveries of 1958 production to the Board during the first quarter of the year totaled 3.8 million pounds.

P.C. 1957-1280,
September 21, 1957.

Import control for dry skimmed milk was operative from September 23, 1957 to March 31, 1958 to complement the price support program.

Whole milk powder, evaporated and condensed milk

(See 1956-57 supplement, p. 112)

The Board did not find it necessary to implement its offer to purchase these processed milk products during the 1957-58 fiscal year.

Turkeys

P.C. 1957-954,
July 16, 1957.

As a result of abundant domestic and U.S. supplies and heavier-than-normal imports into Canada, the government offered price support for Canadian turkeys from July 17, 1957. The support price was equivalent to 25 cents per pound live weight at Toronto for No. 1 turkeys weighing at least ten pounds but less than 20 pounds. Proportional prices applied to other weights and grades at principal markets throughout Canada. There were no deliveries to the Board as prices remained above the support level.

P.C. 1957-956,
July 16, 1957.

Import controls also became effective July 17, 1957 to prevent imported turkeys from interfering with action taken under the Agricultural Prices Support Act.

Fowl

P.C. 1957-551,
April 15, 1957;
amended by P.C. 1957-953,
July 16, 1957.

In view of large inventories of fowl at the beginning of the seasonal heavy poultry marketing period, the Board offered to buy fowl produced in Canada, at prices equivalent to 23 cents per pound live

weight, Toronto, for No. 1 birds five pounds and over, marketed between July 17 and November 30, 1957. Appropriate prices were paid for other weights and at principal markets across Canada.

P.C. 1957-955,
July 16, 1957.

Import controls on fowl also applied from July 17, 1957 to insure the effectiveness of the support program, as prices for imports from the United States were below those for Canadian fowl.

P.C. 1957-1598,
November 28, 1957.

The 23-cent-per-pound support level applied for a further four months, December 1, 1957 to March 31, 1958. Board purchases under the program from July 17 to March 31 totaled 8.95 million pounds of fowl of various weights in eviscerated and dressed form. About one-quarter of this quantity had been resold at a loss by March 31. There was no provision for continuation of price support after that date.

Eggs

(See main bulletin, pp.6-7 and 1956-57 supplement, p.113)

Disposal of 1956 eggs held by the Board had been completed by March 31, 1957 at some loss to the federal government.

On April 11, 1957 the Board notified the trade that it would purchase offerings of Grade B eggs, graded and packed in good solid cases, at 31 cents per dozen, delivered at approved breaking plants across Canada.

Board purchases of eggs produced in 1957 totaled 618,743 cases (of 30 dozen eggs per case). By March 31, 1958 some 191,105 cases had been sold as shell eggs on the domestic market, about 200,000 cases had been exported and the remainder processed into 8.88 million pounds of frozen whole egg and 58,900 pounds of egg powder for future disposal. Although there was a loss on sales to March 31, 1958, it will not be known whether there is a net loss under the program until Board stocks of 1957 shell and frozen whole eggs and egg powder have all been sold.

P.C. 1957-1716,
December 23, 1957.

Price support for eggs until March 31, 1958 remained at the same level as in 1957. The Board continued its offer

to purchase any grade or form of eggs it might specify, on the basis of 38 cents per dozen for Grade A Large eggs at main storage points across Canada, with appropriate price differentials for other grades of eggs and egg products. During this period the program became one of outright purchase by the Board, so that no allowance for storage costs was made. Board purchases of 1958 eggs during the first quarter of the year amounted to 251,203 cases, of which about 162,450 cases were sold during the period, most of them on the export market.

Potatoes

(See main bulletin pp.9-11 and 1956-57 supplement, p.113)

P.C. 1957-552,
April 15, 1957.

Stocks of potatoes in the three Maritime Provinces were larger in April 1957 than they had been since 1954. Therefore, on April 15, 1957 the federal government offered producers assistance in disposal of their surplus through a starch diversion program. On the recommendation of an agent of any provincial government, the Board offered to pay producers of 1956 Canada No. 1 grade potatoes (including up to 12 per cent Canada No. 1 Small) delivered to the starch factories for processing, the difference between the support price and the average price paid by the starch factories, if the factory price were below the support level. From April 15 the initial support price was 3/4 cent per pound. However, the Board later used its authority to increase this price to one cent per pound, when they established that the average price to producers for sales to consumer market outlets other than starch was above 3/4 cent per pound during the period before June 15. New Brunswick was the only province to participate in the program. The final delivery date was advanced from June 15 to July 20 to enable producers in that province to complete deliveries of some 355,360 barrels eligible for price support. The Board paid them the amount by which their average return per pound was below the guaranteed price. This return was an average of prices ranging from 30 to 50 cents per barrel (165 pounds), according to month of delivery, negotiated by the Board with the starch factories.

P.C. 1958-180,
January 31, 1958.

The terms of the price support program for 1957-produced potatoes marketed to starch outlets were somewhat similar to those for the previous year's crop. Payments to producers were authorized on 1957 potatoes which graded Canada No. 1 (including up to 12 per cent Canada No. 1 small), on the recommendation of an agent of any provincial government, if the price prescribed by the Agricultural Prices Support Board were higher than the average price at which potatoes were marketed to starch outlets for processing. The prescribed price was \$1.35 per barrel of not less than 165 pounds. This rate was increased to \$1.65 per barrel for potatoes delivered to starch plants on or before February 28; \$1.55 per barrel for deliveries from March 1 to April 30; and \$1.45 per barrel for deliveries on and after May 1, as the Board estimated that the producer's average price for sales to consumer outlets other than starch outlets remained above \$1.35 per barrel during the period up to June 1, 1958. Deliveries to starch factories to March 31, 1958 totaled about 36,400 barrels.

Sugar beets

P.C. 1957-1640,
December 13, 1957.

To provide an adequate return to growers for their 1957 crop, the Board had authority to purchase sugar beets grown in the four main producing areas of Canada — Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba

and Alberta. The support price was equivalent to \$13 per ton for beets with a 17 per cent sugar content, delivered to sugar manufacturing plants in each of the four producing areas. Producers were to receive, as a deficiency payment, the amount by which the average final price at which sugar beets were contracted or marketed to the manufacturing plants, was below the equivalent of the price prescribed for the producing area concerned. Final returns had not been made by March 31, 1958, so it was not known whether there would be any loss under the program.

2. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS BOARD ACT

Dry skimmed milk

(See main bulletin p.13)

P.C. 1957-553,
April 15, 1957.

The Agricultural Products Board was authorized to make arrangements or negotiate contracts to acquire from exporting countries supplies of dry skimmed milk, and to purchase, import, store, market, transport, process or resell it. Under such a contract, Canada agreed to purchase a minimum of 2.24 million pounds from New Zealand at negotiated prices, and that country undertook not to sell dry skimmed milk to any Canadian buyer other than the Agricultural Products Board until after March 31, 1958. That quantity was offered for sale by the Board during the spring of 1958 but had not all been disposed of by March 31.

3. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING ACT

Ranch-bred fox pelts

(See main bulletin, pp. 15-17 and 1956-57 supplement, p.114)

A few of the Fox pelts delivered under the 1951, 1952 and 1953 agreements still remained unsold at March 31, 1958.

Cheddar cheese

(See main bulletin, pp. 17-19 and 1956-57 supplement, p.114)

There was no federal loss on the 2.1 million pounds of 1956 cheese marketed under that agreement.

P.C. 1957-749,
May 27, 1957.

A sixth agreement for marketing cheese under the Act applied to Ontario First Grade cheddar produced in 1957 and delivered from May 1 to the selling agency, the Ontario Cheese Producers' Co-operative Limited. The initial payment of 24 cents per pound, f.o.b. factory

was again about 80 per cent of producer returns during the previous three years. The allowance to defray specified handling costs remained the same as it had been under the 1956 agreement.

P.C. 1957-750,
May 28, 1957.

Cheddar cheese was placed under import control from May 28, 1957 to May 31, 1958 as production during the first half of 1957 was running somewhat above that of the year-earlier period and stocks were also higher. As a result, imports would have seriously interfered with marketing arrangements under the Act.

P.C. 1957-845,
June 17, 1957.

On June 17, 1957 the Ontario Cheese Producers' Co-operative Limited obtained permission to give producers a supplementary payment of $9\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound on cheese marketed under the agreement. The Ontario government guaranteed bank loans, to a maximum of some \$1.5 million, to the co-operative to make this payment. This supplementary payment again raised the total initial guarantee to producers to $33\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound on First Grade cheddar cheese marketed under the agreement. Toward the end of 1957 the Ontario Government withdrew its guarantee of the $9\frac{1}{2}$ cent-per-pound supplementary payment. As all cheese delivered had not been sold by March 31, 1958, the final disposal date was extended to December 31, 1958.

Turkeys

(See main bulletin, pp. 19-20 and 1956-57 supplement, p. 115)

The 452,970 pounds of turkeys delivered under the 1956 agreement had all been marketed by mid-1957 without loss to the federal government.

P.C. 1957-1439,
October 31, 1957.

Turkeys produced in Quebec in 1957 were again marketed by a co-operative organization under an agreement similar to the one it held in 1956. The agreement provided for an initial payment averaging 40 per cent of the previous three years' returns to producers for turkeys delivered for marketing during the prescribed period, October 1 - December 31, 1957. Turkeys in Pool 1, to be less than 18 pounds dressed weight, were to be sold by February 28, 1958; and those in Pool 2, 18 pounds and over, by June 30, 1958. The maximum allowance to defray handling costs remained the same as under the 1956 agreement. Total deliveries for marketing were not to exceed 500,000 pounds.

About 78,600 pounds of turkeys were marketed through Pool 1 without loss to the federal government. Sales of Pool 2 turkeys had not been completed by March 31, 1958.

Apples for processing

(See main bulletin, pp. 20-22 and 1956-57 supplement, p. 115)

About 350,000 bushels of 1955-crop apples delivered for processing and sale under that agreement were marketed without loss to the federal government.

Under the agreement covering apples from the 1956 crop in Quebec, deliveries of these apples and processing of the four products -- apple juice, sauce, pulp and jelly -- could continue to December 31, 1957, providing the quantity of apples received warranted efficient plant operation. About 294,000 bushels were delivered for processing but sales of the products had not been completed by March 31, 1958.

P.C. 1957-1247, September 13, 1957.

A Quebec co-operative's seventh agreement under the act applied to 1957-crop apples from the fruit-growing region of Quebec, delivered for processing and sale as apple juice, apple sauce, apple pulp or apple jelly. The terms were similar to those of several previous agreements. Producers received an initial payment of 15 cents per bushel for apples of "C" grade or better delivered to the processor from August 15, 1957. This amount represented about 31 per cent of producers' average returns in the 1954-56 period. The allowance to defray handling costs remained the same as it was in 1956. At least 90 per cent of the processed product was to grade choice quality apple juice or sauce, or good quality apple pulp or jelly, and was to be processed by December 31, 1958. To the end of March 1958, deliveries totaled about 103,275 bushels.

Apricots, peaches and prunes

(See main bulletin, pp. 22-23 and 1956-57 supplement, pp. 115-116)

P.C. 1957-1067,
August 7, 1957.

A fifth agreement for marketing British Columbia apricots, peaches and prunes applied to the 1957 crop. For these fruits the initial payments, as a percentage of the previous three years' returns to producers, were 38 per cent for apricots, 40 per cent for peaches, and 30 per cent for prunes. The initial prices again varied according to the grades and varieties of each fruit in each of the pools. Allowances for handling costs remained the same as under the 1956 agreement. Marketing of the three fruits was to be completed by March 31, 1958. There was no federal loss on the 893,855 lugs (each weighing 14.6 lb. net) of apricots, 1,310,990 crates (of 17.75 lb. net each) of peaches and 510,668 lugs (of 16.8 lb. net each) of prunes marketed under the agreement.

Strawberries for processing

In view of low prices for the large 1957 crop of strawberries in the United States, an Ontario growers' association signed an agreement for marketing, in processed form, strawberries grown in the province that season.

P.C. 1957-827,
June 14, 1957.

The initial payment specified in the agreement for strawberries delivered to the processor by August 15, 1957

was about 50 per cent of the growers' average returns during the previous three years. The agreement also specified a maximum allowance to

defray handling costs. It was to remain in effect until May 31, 1958. However, after signing the agreement, the association decided not to operate under it.

Forage crop seeds

(See main bulletin, pp. 25-29 and 1956-57 supplement, p. 116)

Until final settlement is made for marketing the 11 kinds of 1956-crop Saskatchewan forage seeds, it will not be known whether there is any loss to the federal government.

P.C. 1957-1137,
August 22, 1957.

Fifteen kinds of seed grown in the province in 1957 were included in the nineteenth agreement with a Saskatchewan central co-operative marketing association. Of these seeds, four kinds were ones that had not been marketed under agreement in 1956 - White Dutch clover, Lasalle red clover, intermediate wheat grass and Reed canary grass. Initial payments remained the same as in 1956 for three kinds of seed but were slightly higher for the other eight, in accordance with market prospects. Initial payments averaged between 30 per cent and 60 per cent of the previous three years' returns to producers. The allowance to defray handling costs remained the same as a year earlier.

As sales of 1957 seed had not been completed by March 31, 1958, there was no loss to the federal government in the 1957-58 fiscal year.

Maple products

P.C. 1957-455,
April 4, 1957.

A carryover of several million pounds of syrup from the 1956 output and low prices for the better-than-average flow of sap in 1957 in the Maritimes, Quebec and Eastern Ontario, prompted a Quebec co-operative to sign an agreement with the federal Minister of Agriculture for marketing 1957 Quebec maple syrup and other maple products. The initial payment to producers represented about 60 per cent of their returns for like grades of syrup in the years 1954-1956. They also received a specified amount to cover processing, carrying and selling costs. The syrup was to be delivered to the processor by July 15, 1957, for sale as maple syrup or in the form of maple sugar, maple butter or maple taffy. Termination date of the agreement was extended from April 30 to December 31, 1958. About 12.2 million pounds of syrup were delivered for processing. Until the products are marketed it will not be known whether there is a federal loss.

7. COLD STORAGE ACT

(See main bulletin, pp. 32-33)

Warehouses

P.C. 1958-196,
February 7, 1958.

An amendment to the regulations set a maximum on the amount of assistance payable on and after February 7, 1958.

From that date federal assistance became the lesser of: 33 1/3 per cent of the expenditure on, or of the approved cost of construction and equipment of a public cold storage warehouse, or \$50,000. Between June 18, 1952 and February 6, 1958 the assistance had been 33 1/3 per cent of such approved cost or expenditure, without any limitation on the amount.

9. MARITIME MARSHLAND REHABILITATION ACT

(See main bulletin, pp. 34-36 and 1956-57 supplement, p. 116)

Tantramar River, N.B.

P.C. 1957-684,
May 9, 1957.

Construction of a dam and causeway at Sackville near the mouth of the Tantramar River was authorized in the spring of

1957. Estimated cost of the project was \$1 million, of which the federal share was \$775,000. The federal contribution was estimated to cover the entire cost of the structure required to protect some 18,000 acres of potentially valuable marshland from tidal flooding. In conjunction with existing protective works, this structure will eliminate the necessity of rebuilding many miles of old dike and numerous small aboiteaux above the dam site. The province will provide the right of way and build the section of (Trans-Canada) highway along the top of the structure.

Shepody River, N.B.

P.C. 1957-3/626,
May 3, 1957.

A further \$25,000 was required to complete this project, bringing the total federal expenditure to some \$1.54 million.

Annapolis River, N.B.

During the latter part of 1957 work started on the construction of the dam and causeway across the Annapolis River at Annapolis Royal. Because the cost of providing a causeway was relatively high compared with other forms of protection against tidal flooding, the province assumed a larger share of the outlay for this project than for others. Total cost was estimated at \$3 million, to be split on the basis of a federal contribution of \$1.75 for every \$1.00 spent by Nova Scotia.

11. PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE ACT, amendment, 1957, c.32
(See main bulletin, pp. 37-41)

An amendment which received Royal assent on April 12, 1957 and became effective August 1 that year made two main changes in the provisions of the act, to bring them more into line with current conditions.

The principal change was in the categories of payment and the rate payable for each. The new scale of payments was:

- (1) 0 to 3 bushels per acre -- \$4.00 per acre.
- (2) over 3 to 5 bushels per acre -- \$3.00 per acre.

(Under (1) and (2) the Minister could authorize a minimum payment of \$200 per farm if the awards computed were less than this amount).

- (3) over 5 to 8 bushels per acre -- \$2.00 per acre.
- (4) over 8 to 12 bushels per acre, the rate remained unchanged at ten cents for each cultivated acre for each cent, or fraction thereof (not exceeding 10 cents) that the price of No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat is less than 80 cents per bushel.
- (5) "cultivated" 1/ land not seeded or summerfallow due to natural causes -- \$4.00 per acre.

The second change reversed the provision in the 1955 amendment regarding the shape of "blocks" of land excluded from payment in eligible townships because of high yields, or brought into payment in ineligible townships because of low yields. Such blocks no longer have to be rectangular in shape.

12. PRAIRIE FARM REHABILITATION ACT, R.S.C. 1952, as amended.
(See main bulletin, pp. 41-44)

Work continued on the construction and maintenance of several "large" projects for water storage and regulation of stream flow, particularly in the Assiniboine and Qu'Appelle river basins. Assistance for "individual", "neighbor" and "community" projects continued to be offered on the basis described in the main bulletin. Community pastures were further improved to carry an increasing number of livestock.

1/ Defined in the Act as "...(a) land that in the year of award was seeded to crop or in summerfallow and includes land seeded to grass in any year if the productivity thereof was maintained in the year of award; and (b) land of a farmer that in three out of the five years immediately preceding the year of award had been seeded or summerfallow, but owing to natural causes beyond his control could not be seeded or summerfallow in the year of award."

13. TEMPORARY WHEAT RESERVES ACT; S.C. 1956, c.2
(See 1956-57 supplement, p. 117)

P.C. 1957-692,
May 20, 1957. For the 1956-57 crop year (August 1 - July 31) the wheat board received from the federal treasury \$28.8 million for carrying charges, allocated by order in council according to board holdings of wheat in excess of 178 million bushels at August 1, 1956, at \$20.9 million on the 1955-56 pool and \$7.9 million on the 1956-57 pool.

P.C. 1958-760,
May 30, 1958. The wheat board received \$35.55 million to defray carrying charges from August 1, 1957 to July 31, 1958 on its wheat stocks in excess of 178 million bushels at the beginning of this period. Out of this total, \$25.26 million was added to the board's return from sales of wheat in the 1956-57 pool and \$10.30 million to returns from sales of wheat in the 1957-58 pool, for distribution to producers on the basis of their deliveries to the board from each crop.

14. AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION ACT; S.C. 1957-58, c.22.

P.C. 1958-278,
February 18, 1958. This legislation repealed and succeeded the Agricultural Prices Support Act, 1944, from March 31, 1958, the date on which it came into effect by proclamation. Its purpose is to stabilize prices of agricultural commodities in order to assure producers fair returns for their labor and investment, and to maintain a fair relationship between prices they receive and the cost of goods and services they buy, so that they receive a fair share of the national income.

To attain this objective, the act provides for the establishment of an Agricultural Stabilization Board, an Advisory Committee consisting of farmers and representatives of farm organizations, and a system of guaranteed prices for agricultural commodities based on a ten-year moving average formula. For nine "named" commodities -- wheat, oats and barley grown outside the designated Canadian Wheat Board area, and cattle, hogs, sheep, butter, cheese and eggs -- farmers are guaranteed at all times a minimum "prescribed" price of 80 per cent of the "base" price. This base price is the average price for a commodity at representative markets during the ten years immediately preceding the year for which the support price is calculated. For other commodities "designated" by the Board as eligible for support, the guaranteed (or "prescribed") prices are to be determined as an appropriate percentage of the base price. In all cases the estimated average cost of producing the commodity, as well as other relevant factors, is used as a guide in establishing the support prices. For the nine "named" commodities, the guaranteed prices obtain for 12 months from the date they become effective; for "designated" commodities, they may remain

in effect for one year or for whatever period is recommended by the Board and approved by the government.

The decision as to what commodities will be supported in addition to those "named" in the act, and the type of support offered, are determined by the government on the basis of Board recommendations. The guaranteed prices may be put into effect through:

- (1) outright Board purchase of a commodity at the prescribed price;
- (2) a deficiency payment to producers to bridge the gap between their average return and the support price; or
- (3) any other method of payment, including a fixed subsidy, approved by the government.

In carrying out its support program the Board may also sell or otherwise dispose of, package, process, store, ship, transport, export or insure any product, or enter into contracts or appoint agents to engage in activities to stabilize agricultural prices. For this same purpose it may support the price of any food product at a level proportionate to the prescribed price for the agricultural commodity.

The Board has at its disposal as working capital a revolving fund of \$250 million, maintained at that level by annual appropriations if there is any loss on the year's operations, or by payment of any surplus to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Mandatory and other floor prices for individual commodities had not been announced by March 31, 1958. For reference purposes, the commodities under and level of price support from April 1 to December 15, 1958, appear as an appendix at the end of this publication.

PART II -- PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED UNDER ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ACTS

1. GENERAL PROGRAMS

Land reclamation and development

Major Irrigation and Water Conservation Projects in the Prairies
(See main bulletin, pp. 45-46 and 1956-57 supplement, p. 118)

During the 1957-58 fiscal year work continued on several of these projects and was authorized to start on the Rivers Dam.

St. Mary Irrigation.— The East Dam of Ridge Reservoir and the Belly River diversion canal into the St. Mary Reservoir were completed by March 31, 1958.

Bow River Irrigation.— The main works of this project were completed in the 1957-58 fiscal year except for major improvements such as increasing the storage capacity of Lake McGregor. The development of additional land for irrigation purposes was continued.

Buffalo Pound Reservoir.— By March 31, 1958 the two pumping stations being constructed to raise and deliver water from the South Saskatchewan River to the Buffalo Pound Lake reservoir were nearing completion.

Red Deer River Irrigation.— Engineering and soil surveys for this project continued throughout 1957-58.

South Saskatchewan River Development.— At the end of the 1957-58 fiscal year engineering investigations on this proposed project were continuing and negotiations were under way with the Province of Saskatchewan for an agreement covering construction and financing.

P.C. 1957-683,

May 9, 1957;

P.C. 1957-4/843,

June 17, 1957.

Rivers Dam. The Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration was authorized to construct a 44,000 acre-feet storage dam on the Minnedosa River at Rivers, Manitoba to provide water storage, supply and control

along the Assiniboine River, as well as some irrigation. This dam was designed to regulate stream flow by controlling flood waters, particularly in spring, and by ensuring a reliable water supply for stockwatering and domestic use when water levels are low. The maximum federal expenditure on this project is to be \$1.2 million over a two-to-three-year period. By March 31, 1958 the construction contract had not yet been awarded.

Plans were also under consideration for construction of several storage reservoirs along the upper reaches of the Assiniboine River in Saskatchewan. These would be financed under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation appropriation.

Assiniboine River -- diking and cut-off
(See main bulletin, p.49)

This project to reduce floods and promote low-water control on the Assiniboine River between Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg is being administered by the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration on behalf of the federal government. During the 1957-58 fiscal year P.F.R.A. completed most of the survey work on the project, built around 15 miles of new dike and carried out maintenance work on the older sections of the dike, and installed culverts.

Land protection, reclamation and development in British Columbia
(See main bulletin, pp.46-47 and 1956-57 supplement, p. 118)

The extension to the Penticton West Benches irrigation project, under way in 1956-57, was completed in the 1957-58 fiscal year. This is the last of the six developments on which a total of about 350 veterans has been settled.

Land protection and reclamation; clearing and settlement of new lands
(See main bulletin, pp.47-50 and 1956-57 supplement, pp. 118-119)

Newfoundland

P.C. 1958-4/307,
February 25, 1958.

To help Newfoundland continue its program of land development, the maximum federal contribution in 1957-58 under the annual agreement with the province was \$125,000, the same as in 1956-57. The province had to spend at least \$122,290 -- the amount it had spent in 1952-53 -- and match the federal contribution, in order to obtain this assistance for land clearing and breaking, development of marsh and bog lands for pasture improvement, and construction of access roads.

Manitoba

P.C. 1957-10/691,
May 20, 1957;
amended P.C. 5/6191,
December 7, 1949,
as amended.

Riding and Duck Mountain Watershed, North Western Escarpment Region and Porcupine Forest Reserve. Under the annual federal-Manitoba agreement signed in May 1957, the maximum federal expenditure on construction of dams, dikes, canals and channel cut-offs during the 1957-58 fiscal year was to be \$150,000. The federal share was to represent half the year's verified cost of constructing drainage works in the north-west escarpment and inter-lake regions of Manitoba.

Grants to agricultural organizations

(See main bulletin, pp. 50-52 and 1956-57 supplement, p. 119)

Advanced Registry Board for Dairy Bulls

(See main bulletin, p. 51)

There was a revision in Board policy during the year which changed the way in which the federal grant was to be used. Rather than apply the grant on the cost of issuing certificates of performance for eligible bulls, the Board assisted several breeders' organizations -- the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, the Canadian Guernsey Cattle Club and the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association -- in carrying on type classification of the females in the individual breeders' herds through which the breeding value of the bulls could be assessed.

Advanced Registry Board for Swine

(See main bulletin, p. 51)

The federal Department of Agriculture, from April 1, 1957 assumed direct control of the administration and operation of the pig-testing stations formerly operated by the Board. Therefore, from that date the grant to the Board was discontinued although this body still functions in an advisory capacity. The Swine Section of the federal Department of Agriculture's Production Service maintains record of performance credentials of pigs tested.

Poultry Products Institute of Canada

P.C. 1957-2/495,
April 11, 1957.

On behalf of its producer, co-operative and trade members, the Poultry Products Institute of Canada undertook a campaign

to promote the use of eggs at a time when storage stocks were accumulating. Articles in the press, T.V. programs, recipes, demonstrations, advertising material and the distribution of samples of oiled eggs were used to popularize this commodity. As its one-half share of the cost of the 1957 campaign, the Department of Agriculture was authorized to contribute up to \$25,000.

Fairs and exhibitions

(See main bulletin, pp. 52-55 and 1956-57 supplement, pp. 119-120)

P.C. 1957-629,
May 9, 1957; amended
P.C. 1955-575,
April 27, 1955.

Agricultural museums also became eligible for federal assistance under the Exhibition Grants Regulations from May 9, 1957. But only one agricultural museum in each province may be listed to receive assistance. These museums may obtain an annual grant towards operating expenses and may also enter into a federal agreement to obtain assistance for approved major capital expenditures on erection or equipping of facilities to accommodate the museum or related demonstrations. The annual grants are the lesser of: \$6,000, or 50 per cent of the cost incurred in permanent improvements or repairs to existing buildings or

facilities, for current operating expense, or in procuring, transporting and installing museum objects, or materials. The maximum grant was paid to a Saskatchewan museum in 1957-58. Assistance under the capital grants agreements is based on one-half the cost of work completed, payable as it progresses, the total available to each museum being limited to \$15,000. No federal expenditure under a capital grants agreement was necessary in 1957-58.

2. COMMODITY PROGRAMS

Grains and feeds

(See main bulletin, pp. 55-61 and 1956-57 supplement, pp. 120-121)

Emergency Movement of Hay

P.C. 1957-3/1467,
November 7, 1957.

Farmers living in areas of Nova Scotia affected by drought in 1957 received financial assistance on the transportation of hay to enable them to feed their livestock throughout the winter of 1957-58 instead of having to liquidate their herds. The federal government agreed to pay one-half of the amount expended by the province for freight on hay shipped into the drought areas between August 1, 1957 and May 15, 1958, providing this federal share did not exceed \$4.00 per ton or total more than \$50,000 in that period.

Farmers had to pay the initial \$4 per ton freight costs. On freight charges over and above \$4, the railways reduced by one-third their regular rate, and the federal and provincial governments each paid one-third, subject to the federal maximum.

Livestock improvement programs

Premiums on Purebred Stock

(See main bulletin, pp. 62-64)

Purebred stallions. In April 1957 the rate of premium payable by the federal government on A stallions was increased by \$6.00 per mare in-foal but the maximum grant per stallion remained the same.

T.B. 515861, April 25, 1957; amended T.B. 477584-1, March 31, 1955. The new scale of payments to breeders for qualifying stallions from April 25, 1957 comprised the lesser of:

- (a) \$9.00 for each mare in foal, to a maximum of \$150 per Class A stallion; \$2.00 for each mare in foal, up to a maximum of \$100 per Class B stallion;

or

- (b) The amount of premium paid by the participating province.

An increase in the federal premiums payable in Quebec has been sanctioned to become effective April 1, 1958.

Supplies

(See main bulletin, p.77)

Lime

P.C. 1958-6/336,

March 4, 1958;

revoked P.C. 1953-4/815,

May 14, 1953.

The \$1.50 per ton federal maximum contribution on transportation of lime for agricultural purposes no longer met 60 per cent of the cost in the Maritime provinces, where lime is particularly

needed for soil amendment. Partly because of the higher cost, lime utilization in that area had dropped about 41 per cent since 1951. To place the federal contribution to all eligible provinces (the Prairie Provinces do not participate) on an equal footing, from March 4, 1958 the federal government undertook to pay to each province, up to 60 per cent of the total amount it expended each year on any direct activity (production or transportation assistance) to increase lime utilization for soil amendment. The percentage limitation on the federal share thus remains the same as previously but the \$1.50 maximum no longer applies.

Table 1.- Rates of payment under, and duration of
Federal Department of Agriculture Assistance Programs,
fiscal year 1957-58

Program	Program effective : Inauguration or : date of last revision	To	Basic rate of payment
<u>Agricultural Prices Support Act</u>			
Hogs and pork	January 1, 1953	March 31, 1958	\$23 per 100 lb. warm dressed weight, Toronto and Montreal.
Creamery butter	May 1, 1956	April 30, 1958	58¢ per lb. for 1st grade, specific points in Eastern Canada; 57¢ per lb. for 1st grade, Vancouver.
Dry skimmed milk	March 19, 1957	April 30, 1958	14¢ per lb. 1st grade roller process; 17¢ per lb. 1st grade spray process; f.o.b. specified storage points across Canada.
Whole milk powder, evaporated and condensed milk	March 19, 1957	Until revoked or amended	Equivalent to prices paid for milk delivered for the manufacture of butter and dry skimmed milk.
Turkeys	July 17, 1957	Until revoked or amended	25¢ per lb. live weight, Toronto, for No. 1 grade, 10 lb. to under 20 lb. with proportionate prices for other grades and markets.
Fowl	July 17, 1957	March 31, 1958	23¢ per lb. live weight, Toronto, for No. 1 grade, 5 lb. and over, with proportionate prices for other grades and markets.

Table 1.-- Rates of payment under, and duration of
Federal Department of Agriculture Assistance Programs,
fiscal year 1957-58 (cont'd.)

Program	Program effective : Inauguration or : date of last revision	To	Basic rate of payment
<u>Agricultural Prices Support Act - cont'd.</u>			
Eggs	January 1, 1957	December 31, 1957	\$38¢ per doz. for Grade A Large with appropriate prices for other grades and forms, plus up to 5¢ per dozen for handling charges.
	January 1, 1958	May 4, 1958	\$38¢ per doz. for Grade A Large with appropriate prices for other grades and forms.
Potatoes - 1956 crop, N.B.	April 15, 1957	July 20, 1957	The amount by which the average prices for Canada No. 1 grade potatoes paid to growers by the starch factories were below the support prices of: \$1.65 per bbl. on deliveries to Feb. 28, 1958; \$1.55 per bbl. on deliveries from March 1 - Apr. 30; \$1.45 per bbl. on deliveries from May 1.
- 1957 crop, P.E.I.	January 31, 1957	Until deliveries completed	The amount by which the average prices for Canada No. 1 grade potatoes, paid to growers by the starch factories, were below the support prices of:

Table 1.- Rates of payment under, and duration of
Federal Department of Agriculture Assistance Programs
fiscal year 1957-58 (cont'd.)

Program	Program effective : Inauguration or : date of last revision	To	Basic rate of payment
<u>Agricultural Prices Support Act - cont'd</u>			
Sugar beets	December 13, 1957	Until deliveries completed	The amount by which the average price paid to growers by processors was below the equivalent of \$13 per ton of beets with a 17% sugar content delivered to manufacturing plants in each of the four main producing areas of Canada.
Dry skinned milk	April 15, 1957	As required	- 160 Difference between purchase and sale price of 2.24 million lb. imported from New Zealand.
Agricultural Products Board Act			Initial payment to producers as a percentage of their previous three years' returns (specified handling charges also allowed)
Ranch-bred fox pelts (1951, 1952 and 1953 pelts)	November 1, 1951) November 1, 1952) November 1, 1953)	Until marketed	50%, 32% and 33% for 1951, 1952 and 1953 pelts respectively.
Cheese - 1957 production, Ont.	May 1, 1957	December 31, 1958	80% - 24¢ per lb. for 1st grade f.o.b. factory (plus superseded by price provincial guarantee of 9-1/2¢ per lb.) (In practice, stabilization from May 1, 1958)
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Table 1.- Rates of payment under, and duration of
Federal Department of Agriculture Assistance Programs
fiscal year 1957-58 (cont'd.)

Program	Program effective	: Inauguration or date of last revision	To	: Basic rate of payment
<u>Agricultural Products Co-operative Marketing Act (cont'd.)</u>				
Turkeys - 1956 production, Quebec	October 1, 1956	June 30, 1957		33%
- 1957 production, Quebec	October 1, 1957	June 30, 1958		40%
Apples for processing - 1956 crop, Quebec	August 15, 1956	December 31, 1957		31% (15¢ per bu. for C grade or better).
- 1957 crop, Quebec	September 13, 1957	December 31, 1958		31% (15¢ per bu. for C grade or better).
Apricots, peaches and prunes - 1957 crop, B.C.	August 7, 1957	March 31, 1958		Apricots, 38%; peaches, 40%; prunes, 30%
Strawberries for processing - 1957 crop, Ontario	June 14, 1957	May 31, 1958		50% (agreement signed but association did not use it).
Forage crop seeds - 1956 crop, Saskatchewan	August 9, 1956	Until marketed		26%
- 1957 crop, Saskatchewan	August 22, 1957	Until marketed		From 30% to 60% according to type of seed.
Maple products - 1957 production, Quebec	April 4, 1957	December 31, 1958		60% for like grades of syrup.

Table 1.- Rates of payment under, and duration of
Federal Department of Agriculture Assistance Programs
fiscal year 1957-58 (cont'd.)

Program	Inauguration or date of last revision	Program effective To	Basic rate of payment
<u>Animal Contagious Diseases Act</u>			
Compensation: Cattle - purebred	December 10, 1949	Until revoked or amended	\$100 per head plus, if the sale of the carcass is unlawful, an amount equal to the value the carcass would have if its sale were lawful.
- grade	December 10, 1949	Until revoked or amended	\$40 per head, plus if the sale of the carcass is unlawful, an amount equal to the value the carcass would have if its sale were lawful.
Horses - purebred	December 10, 1949	Until revoked or amended	\$200 per head.
- grade	December 10, 1949	Until revoked or amended	\$100 per head
Swine	May 1, 1953	Until revoked or amended	
Sheep	May 1, 1953	Until revoked or amended	Current market value de- termined by the Department of Agriculture
Poultry	May 12, 1950	Until revoked or amended	
Eggs	May 12, 1950	Until revoked or amended	

Table 1.- Rates of payment under, and duration of, Federal Department of Agriculture Assistance Programs, fiscal year 1957-58 (cont'd.).

Program	Program effective	Inauguration or date of last revision	To	Basic rate of payment
<u>Agricultural Stabilization Act</u>				
Commodity support not announced by March 31, 1958 (for details see Appendix, p. 170)				
Cheese and Cheese Factory Improvement Act				
Cheese - quality premiums	June 1, 1955		Until revoked or amended	2¢ per lb. on cheese scoring 9½ points and over; 1¢ per pound on cheese scoring 9¾ points.
- factory improvement	June 22, 1939		Until revoked or amended	Up to 50% of specified expenditures incurred in amalgamating cheese factories, in enlarging and mechanically refrigerating cheese curing rooms or in standardizing cheese pressing equipment.
Cold Storage Act	February 7, 1958		Until revoked or amended	Lesser of: 33-1/3% of approved expenditure on, or of the approved cost of construction and equipment of a public cold storage warehouse, or \$50,000.
Act for the Control and Extirpation of Foot and Mouth Disease Compensation	March 25, 1952		Until revoked or amended	"Fair and reasonable" compensation for animals or property ordered destroyed. - continued

Table 1.— Rates of payment under, and duration of,
Federal Department of Agriculture Assistance Programs,
fiscal year 1957-58 (cont'd.)

Program	Program effective : Inauguration or : date of last revision	To	Basic rate of payment
<u>Maritime Marshland Rehabilitation Act</u>			
Assistance in marshland protection	May 1, 1949	Until revoked or amended	Cost of surveying and engineering of all works, and of constructing main protective works.
<u>Prairie Farm Assistance Act</u>			
Awards to farmers	August 12, 1957	Until revoked or amended	\$2, \$3, or \$4 per acre on up to 200 ac. per farm according to category of wheat yields; minimum payment \$200 per farm.
<u>Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act</u>			
Assistance	April, 1935	Until revoked or amended	Maxima for: "Individual" dug-outs — \$125 per farm; "individual" dams — \$150 per farm; "Individual" irrigation — \$350 per farm; "Neighbor" projects for water supply — \$500 per project. projects — estimated cost, merit, and proportion borne by farmers. "Large" water projects, reservoirs and dis- tribution systems — estimated cost and merit. Community pastures — net cost of con- struction and operation. Re- settlement — construction of irrigation projects and transportation of settlers from drought areas to the projects.

Table 1.- Rates of payment under, and duration of, Federal Department of Agriculture Assistance Programs, fiscal year 1957-58 (cont'd.).

Program	Program effective : Inauguration or : date of last revision	To	Basic rate of payment
Temporary Wheat Reserves Act	August 1, 1955	Until carryover at July 31 in any year does not exceed 178 million bu.	The carrying charge rate in effect at the end of the preceding crop year (July 31) times the quantity of wheat held by the Canadian Wheat Board in excess of 178 million bu. at the beginning of the crop year (August 1).
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Programs authorized under Appropriation Acts			
Major irrigation and water conservation projects in the Prairies	1945	Until authorized work is finished	Shared cost under federal-provincial agreement, according to type of project.
Land protection, reclamation and development in B.C.	1950	Completed by March 31, 1958	Shared cost under federal-provincial agreement, according to type of project.
Land protection and reclamation; clearing and settlement of new lands	1949	Until authorized work is finished	Financed jointly under Federal-provincial agreement.
Grants to agricultural organizations	Continuing basis		Determined individually by the federal government.

Table 1.— Rates of payment under, and duration of,
Federal Department of Agriculture Assistance Programs,
fiscal year 1957-58 (cont'd.)

Program	Program effective : Inauguration or : date of last revision	To	Basic rate of payment
Programs authorized under Appropriation Acts (cont'd.)			
Grants to fairs and exhibitions	April 27, 1955 as amended May 9, 1957	Until revoked or amended	Determined individually by the federal government according to class of fair, total general expense and amount spent on prizes and awards. Maximum annual grants: winter or spring fairs, \$5,500; Class A exhibitions, \$4,500; Class B exhibitions, \$3,000; special exhibitions, by agreement; agricultural museums, \$6,000; ¹⁶⁶ in addition a fair in any one of the first 3 groups may obtain up to \$100,000, and agricultural museums up to \$15,000, under capital grants agreements, based on one-half of their outlay for this purpose.
Freight assistance on western feed grains	March 1, 1957	Until amended or revoked	Up to \$26.10 per ton according to scale of payment based on destination.
Emergency movement of hay (N.S.)	August 1, 1957	May 15, 1958	One-half the amount spent by Nova Scotia for freight on hay shipped into drought areas of the province; maximum grant, \$4 per ton, to a total of \$50,000 in the period.

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Table 1.- Rates of payment under, and duration of,
Federal Department of Agriculture Assistance Programs,
fiscal year 1957-58 (cont'd.)

Program	Program effective : Inauguration or : date of last revision	To	Basic rate of payment
<u>Programs authorized under Appropriation Acts (cont'd.)</u>			
Livestock purchase and distribution	December 13, 1956	Until revoked or amended	Part purchase price and/or part transportation cost of animals made available to farmers' groups.
Premiums on purebred stock	April 1, 1955 as amended April 25, 1957	Until revoked or amended	Part purchase price and, in some cases, part transportation cost; or a set amount per animal, per carcass or per organization.
Hog premiums	April 1, 1946	Until revoked or amended	\$2.00 per A carcass and \$1.00 per B ₁ carcass on hogs slaughtered at approved establishments.
Potato warehouse construction	April 20, 1950	Until revoked or amended	Maximum, 37.5 per cent of approved cost of construction.
Lime for agricultural purposes	April 1, 1953, as amended March 4, 1958	Until revoked or amended	Maximum, 60% of provincial outlay.

Table 2.- Assistance Paid by the Federal Department of Agriculture, Canada, and Provinces, Fiscal Year 1957-58 (Preliminary)

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Table 2.— Assistance Paid by the Federal Department of Agriculture,
Canada and Provinces, Fiscal year 1957-58 (Preliminary) (Cont'd.)

	AMOUNT PAID - thousand dollars -	Can.: Nfld.: P.E.I.: N.S.: N.B.: Que.: Ont.: Man.: Sask.: Alta.: B.C.
Appropriation Act:		
Major irrigation and water conservation projects in the Prairie Provinces	5,599 ^{d/}	-
Assiniboine and Qu'Appelle Rivers diking and cut-offs	250	-
Land protection, reclamation, clearing and settlement	4,625	125
Grants to agricultural organizations	222 ^{ae/}	
Grants to fairs and exhibitions	945	17
Freight assistance on western feed grains	17,778 ^{f/}	397
Livestock purchase and distribution	223 ^{g/}	
Premiums on purebred stock	52	1
Hog premiums	5,442 ^{b/}	-
Lime	500	4
Potato warehouse construction	8	-
Emergency movement of hay	9	-
Total	56,351	

a/ Provincial breakdown not available.

b/ Includes administrative expenses.

c/ Net federal expenditure (preliminary figures) for the crop year. The amounts collected through the 1% levy on western grain marketed each year have been deducted from the total awards paid to farmers.

d/ Net expenditure after deduction of revenue, but inclusive of administrative costs. Revenues of \$707 thousand from P.F.R.A. projects and of \$295 thousand from major irrigation and water conservation projects have been deducted from the respective expenditures.

e/ Includes contribution to: Can. Seed Growers' Assn.; the Can. Horticultural Council; Can. Council on 4-H Clubs, and individual clubs; Advanced Registry Board for Dairy Bulls; Can. National Live Stock Records; Can. Hunter, Saddle and Light Horse Improvement Society; B.C. Beef Cattle Growers' Assn.; Poultry Products Institute, horse breeding stations; sheep fairs, bacon shows and bacon litter competitions.

f/ Amount paid on quantity shipped during the fiscal year. g/ Net cost, revenue of \$48,000 having been deducted from the total purchase price. h/ Premiums paid on carcasses graded during the fiscal year.

REVISED figures for P.F.A.A. awards in tables for 1954-55 and 1955-56 in the main bulletin are as follows:
1945-55: Canada - \$27,480 thousand; man. - \$4,510 thousand; Sask. - \$18,718 thousand; Alta. - \$4,618 thousand;
B.C. - \$84 thousand; and in
1955-56: Man. - \$1,575 thousand; B.C. - \$129 thousand; in other provinces and for Canada as a whole, the levy exceeded the awards in 1955-56.

APPENDIX

Agricultural Products under the Agricultural
Stabilization Act

April 1 to December 15, 1958

Commodity	: : : : :					Effective period of support
	: Basic grade and market		Base price	Yearly support	age of base	
	Unit	average)	: (1948-57: support	base	method of support	
	\$	\$	%			

Key commodities

1. Wheat	(No. 2 C.E. (or better (on track,)	bu.	1.77	1.42	80	(July 1/58- (June 30/59; (deficiency (payment.	
2. Oats	(Ontario (shipping	bu.	.72	.58	80	(July 1/58- (June 30/59;	
3. Barley	(points	bu.	1.04	.83	80	(purchase	
4. Cattle (steers live)	(Good, (delivered (to public	cwt.	21.80	17.50	80	(April 1/58- (March 31/59; (purchase.	
5. Sheep (lambs, live)	(stockyards (Toronto	cwt.	24.45	19.55	80	(
6. Hogs (carcass, warm dressed weight)	Grade A de- livered to public stock- yards, Toronto	cwt.	29.75	25.00	84	April 1/58- March 31/59; purchase.	
7. Butter	Canada 1st Grade creamery, Montreal	lb.	.60	.64	107	May 1/58- April 30/59; purchase.	
8. Cheese - Ont.	Canada 1st grade waxed cheddar, f.o.b. Ontario ware- houses	lb.	.31	.34	110	{	
	- Que.	Same grade, delivered Montreal	lb.	.305	.335	110	{ May 1/58- (Apr. 30/59; (purchase.
9. Eggs	Canada A Large, delivered Montreal	doz.	.52	.44	85	May 5/58- May 4/59; purchase.	

Agricultural Products under the Agricultural
Stabilization Act
April 1 to December 15, 1958 (cont'd.)

Commodity	Market	Base and market	Unit	Effective period	Percent of price	Yearly support	age of base	method of support
			\$	\$	%			

Designated Commodities

1. Soybeans, Ontario	All grades, at the farm	bu.	2.34	2.10	.90		1958 crop; deficiency payment.
2. Wool	Western range Choice, 58/60's 1/2 blood, staple, f.o.b. Toronto	lb.	.545	.60	110		April 1/58- Mar. 31/59; deficiency payment.
3. Dry skimmed milk	- spray - roller	(Canada (1st grade, (in storage (Montreal	1b.	.14	.15	107	(May 1/58- (Apr. 30/59; (purchase.
4. Apples, B.C.	All grades except culs, packed basis	box	1.07	.99	.93		1957 crop; grant of 12¢ per box.
5. Apricots, B.C.	All grades, average return to grower	ton	95.07	76.00	80		1958 crop; deficiency payment
6. Peaches for processing, Ontario	No. 1, 2-in. minimum, delivered to Ont. processing plants	ton	93.10	83.00	89		1958 crop; deficiency payment.
7. Raspberries, B.C.	(Board specifications (f.o.b. B.C. - frozen	lb.	.142	.145	102		(1958 crop; (purchase.
8. Potatoes, P.E.I.	Canada No. 1	75 lb.	1.24	.45	36.3		Remainder of 1957 crop offered to Board in farm storages in July 1958; grant.

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Agricultural Products under the Agricultural
Stabilization Act
April 1 to December 15, 1958 (cont'd.)

Commodity	Market	Unit	Base price	Yearly average	age of support	and method of support	Effective period
			\$	\$	%		

Designated commodities (cont'd.)

9.	Asparagus	(No. 1, not exceeding 7 in. in length, delivered to processing plants in province)	lb.	.21	.18	86	(1958 crop; deficiency payment not to exceed 3¢ lb.)
	- Ontario	(in length, delivered to processing plants in province)	lb.	.20	.17	85	
	- B.C.	(processing plants in province)	lb.				
10.	Tomatoes, B.C.	Choice canned tomatoes, juice f.o.b. B.C. factories	case of 24/28-oz. tins	5.20	5.70	112	1958 crop; Apr. 18-Oct. 1/58; purchase.
11.	Honey	Canada White No. 1 or better, registered packers in Canada	lb.	.1325	.12	91	1958 crop; deficiency payment.
12.	Sugar beets	(Average gross return f.o.b. factory for sugar produced from beets in province)	lb.	.1064	.0990	93	{ 1958 crop; deficiency payment on beets.
	- Alberta	(return f.o.b. factory for sugar produced from beets in province)	lb.	.1009	.0938	93	
	- Manitoba	(from beets in province)	lb.				
	- Ontario	(from beets in province)	lb.	.0858	.0798	93	
	Quebec	(from beets in province)	lb.				

Continuation of Agricultural Prices Support Act Program

Turkeys	No. 1, 10 lb. to under 20 lb.	lb.	.25	From July 17, 1957; purchase.
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